COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVING

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A student who has completed Job Corps' Commercial Truck Driving program is trained and ready to work in this field. To complete a trade, the student must learn the academic and vocational skills required for graduation. Job Corps students also learn good work and personal habits, preparing them for life after Job Corps. To complete the Commercial Truck Driving program, a student must master skills in the following categories:

GENERAL

Operate vehicle over all road conditions under varied weather conditions; perform minor and emergency roadside repairs; operate equipment, connect and disconnect trailers.

CARGO HANDLING TECHNIQUES

Practice loading and unloading using mechanical devices (e.g. conveyors and slings); mark dangerous and/or protruding cargo; apply safety and health precautions in handling, transporting materials and equipment; rate various types of power accessories; use hand carts and dollies; apply technical knowledge of weight distribution of cargo to safety and health precautions in handling and transporting cargo; use, repair and install tire chains; load and unload equipment from low-boy trailer; demonstrate proper methods of binding and securing different equipment used; lash the cargo into place and protect from weather; practice CDL manual cargo handling techniques.

TRUCK OPERATIONS

Drive tractor with trailers hitched; drive for utility and construction handling/transporting; demonstrate general knowledge of hydraulic controls.

